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Sir:

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The references are listed on Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement, which is attached hereto. Applicants request consideration of the documents listed on the attached Information Disclosure Statement and that such consideration be indicated by initialing each citation thereon.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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